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1. IN POLADS MARCH 9, YOU SHOULD INFORM ALLIES THAT

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AMBASSADOR STOESSEL MADE ANOTHER APPROACH ON CSCE

IMPLEMENTATION TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KORNIYENKO ON MARCH 3 IN MOSCOW. APPROACH WAS IN POSITIVE TERMS, NOTING PROGRESS MADE SO FAR AND EXPRESSING HOPE FOR MORE PROGRESS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES IN FUTURE. FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WERE INCLUDED IN US PRESENTATION.

A. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN SOVIET PRESENTATION OF NOVEMBER 12 (REFTEL), WE GAVE DETAILS ON DISSEMINATION OF FINAL ACT IN US, EXPRESSED OUR AGREEMENT WITH CSCE LANGUAGE ON MFN AND STATED US EFFORTS IN REGARD TO MFN WERE WELL KNOWN, AND REGISTERED US VIEW THAT RFE, RL AND VOA BROADCASTS ARE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH SPIRIT AND LETTER OF FINAL ACT.

B. WE NOTED RECENT IMPROVEMENTS IN WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS AND PROPOSED REGULAR US-USSR CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH JOURNALISTS WORK IN

RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

C. OUR INTEREST IN FAMILY REUNIFICATION, BINATIONAL MARRIAGES AND FAMILY VISITS WAS EMPHASIZED; WE NOTED THERE HAD NOT BEEN AS MUCH PROGRESS ON REUNIFICATIONS AS WE HAD HOPED.

D. WE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RELAXING TRAVEL CONTROLS ON US AND SOVIET DIPLOMATS IN RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND OUR HOPE FOR PROGRESS IN THIS AREA.

E. WE INDICATED INTEREST IN PROVISIONS OF FINAL ACT ON TOURISM, AND TOLD SOVIETS THAT, IN COOPERATION WITH LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TOURIST INDUSTRY, EMBASSY MOSCOW WILL BE ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SOVIET CITIZENS WITH INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING WIDER POSSIBILITIES FOR VISITS TO US.

F. ON TRAVEL BY REPRESENTATIVES OF SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS AND DELAYS IN VISA ISSUANCE RAISED BY SOVIETS NOVEMBER 12, AND ISSUANCE OF MULTIPLE ENTRY/EXIT VISAS FOR AMERICAN LONG-TERM STUDENTS AND BUSINESSMEN IN USSR, WE STATED
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THAT THESE SUBJECTS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN US-USSR CONSULAR REVIEW TO TAKE PLACE IN WEEKS AHEAD.

2. KORNIYENKO SAID THAT FORMAL REPLY WOULD COME LATER BUT THAT HE HAD SOME PRELIMINARY REMARKS. SOVIET UNION HAD MADE CLEAR ON MANY OCCASIONS ITS COMMITMENTS TO CSCE AND TO IMPLEMENTATION OF TERMS OF FINAL ACT. HE COMPLAINED THAT US CONCENTRATES ON BASKET III ISSUES AND THAT WE ARE

NOT OBSERVING CSCE PRINCIPLES. KORNIYENKO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF BASKET II AND COMPLAINED ABOUT LACK OF MFN FOR USSR. HE REITERATED STANDARD EASTERN POSITION ON RADIO BROADCASTING, CLAIMING THAT WESTERN BROADCASTS DO NOT PROMOTE "MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING" AMONG PEOPLE. HE CONTESTED OUR ASSERTION THAT NOT ENOUGH PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ON FAMILY REUNIFICATIONS. IN SUM, TENOR OF KORNIYENKO'S "PRELIMINARY COMMENTS" WAS GENERALLY TOUGH, PERHAPS REFLECTING SOVIET DECISION TO TAKE THE OFFENSIVE ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION FOLLOWING RECENT STEPS BY USSR TO IMPLEMENT CERTAIN FINAL ACT PROVISIONS.

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